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COMBUSTION ENGINE

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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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5. The exhaust gas purifying apparatus as defined in claim 2, wherein the light-off catalyst has an oxygen storage capability of first value and the exhaust gas purifying means, having a function of a three-way catalyst has an oxygen storage of a second value which is greater than said first value.

6. The exhaust gas purifying apparatus as defined in claim 5,